

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 24, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"The world is a sea of glass: a pageant of fond delight, a theatre of vanity, a labyrinth of error, a gulf of grief, a sty of filthiness, a vale of misery, a spectacle of woe, a river of tears, a stage of deceit, a cage full of devils, a den of scorpions, a wilderness of wolves, a cabin of bears, a whirlwind of passions, a feigned comedy, a delectable frenzy, where there is false delight, assured grief, certain sorrow, uncertain pleasure, lasting woe, fickle wealth, long heaviness, and short joy."

—Arthur Dent

"Jacob's somber summary of his own life echoes with a kind of complex solemnity against all that we have seen him undergo. He has...achieved everything he aspired to achieve: the birthright, the blessing, marriage with his beloved Rachel, progeny, and wealth. But...although he gets everything he wanted, it is not in the way he would have wanted, and the consequence is far more pain than contentment. From his 'clashing' (25:20) with his twin in the womb, everything has been a struggle...He is given a new name...but comes away with a permanent wound."

—Robert Alter

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP**☒ RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 92:1-5

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: *We declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

All: *How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!*

☒ PRAYER OF ADORATION

☒ *Congregation stand as able.*

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"



1. The heav - ens de - clare Thy glo - ry, the fir - ma - ment Thy pow'r; 7
 2. The sun with roy - al splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise, and 7
 3. How per - fect just and ho - ly the pre - cepts Thou hast giv'n; still
 4. All heav - en on high re - joice - es to do its Mak - er's will; the



day un - to day the sto - ry re - peats from hour to hour; 7
 moon - beams soft and ten - der their gent - ler an - them raise; 7
 mak - ing wise the low - ly, they lift the thoughts to heav'n: how
 stars with sol - emn voic - es re - sound Thy prais - es still: 7




night un - to night re - ply - ing, pro - claims in ev - 'ry land, O
 o'er ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion the mu - sic strange is poured, the
 pure, how soul - re - stor - ing Thy Gos - pel's heav'n - ly ray, a
 so let my whole be - hav - ior, thoughts, words and ac - tions be, O



Lord, with voice un - dy - ing, the won - ders of Thy hand.
 song of all cre - a - tion, to Thee, cre - a - tion's Lord.
 bright - er ra - diance pour - ing than noon of bright - est day!
 Lord, my strength, my Sav - ior, one cease - less song to Thee.

Words: Psalm 19:1-6; 14; Thomas R. Birks, 1874. Music: Rick Barnes, 2011.

 "How Firm a Foundation"

10:30 a.m. service

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word;
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design,
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I will never, no never, no never forsake.

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: J. Funk's A Compilation of
Genuine Church Music, 1832, arr. Fernando Ortega.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 2:5-17

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

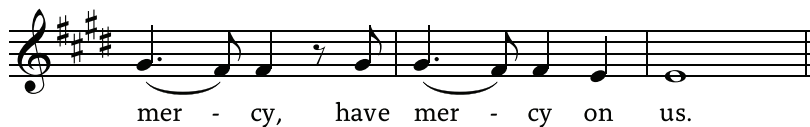
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things,
Judge of all men;
We acknowledge with grief our many sins and our wickedness,
We have sinned by thought, word, and deed,
And we have done so against your divine majesty,
Justly provoking your anger and indignation against us.
We earnestly repent as we heartily grieve our many misdoings.
Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may hereafter serve and please you
in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

TRISAGION



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❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—from Galatians 1:3-4; 2:20

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.


GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS
"By Faith"
Congregational Hymn


1. By faith we see the__ hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers__roamed the earth
3. By faith the pro - phets__ saw the day
4. By faith the church was__ called to go
5. By faith this moun - tain__ shall be moved



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
 with the pow'r of His pro mise in their hearts,
 when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
 in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost
 and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and__ not by sight. (v. 2)
 a place where peace and__ jus - tice reign. (chorus)
 and rise tri - um phant from the grave. (v. 4)
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner__ of the earth. (chorus)
 for all who call up - on His name. (chorus)

Chorus:

We will stand as chil- dren of the pro - mise;



we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward.



'Til the race is fin- ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and_ not by sight.

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☒ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

See pages 19 - 20 for all of our Ministry Announcements. Please fill out the attendance sheet provided with your worship guide and leave it in your pew or at your table.

Children's Worship | 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years old (by 9/1/2021) through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace. Children will walk with staff to C222, C223, or C224, and staff will then walk children back to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, prior to communion, to join their parents.

Enfold Disability Ministry. Our church seeks to embrace and enfold people affected by disability. Please let an usher know how we can support and accommodate your needs during worship.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis 46:28-47:12

He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive." ³¹Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. ³²And the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.' ³³When Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' ³⁴you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

^{47:1}So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen." ²And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. ³Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were." ⁴They said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen." ⁵Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock."

⁷Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many

are the days of the years of your life?" ⁹And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning." ¹⁰And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. ¹¹Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹²And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with us. Amen.*

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Invitation to the Table

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please cross your hands in front of your chest, and the one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Behold"

Lauren Spiller, soloist

The empty filled, the wounded healed,
The broken back together;
The poor are blessed, the weary rest,
We will dance forever.

The blinded see, the chained are free,
The doubtful now believer;
The outcast known, the orphan home,
You are my Redeemer.

Chorus:

Behold, behold, behold what love can do;
Behold, behold, He's making all things new.

The lost return, the voiceless heard,
The mourner now rejoicing;
The mountains shake, the world awake,
Creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed,
The song has found its singer;
The darkness light, the dead alive,
You are my Redeemer.

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"Jesus Paid It All (Oh Praise the One)"

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe!
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.
(Refrain)

And when before the throne,
I stand in Him complete;
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.
(Refrain)

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead.
(Repeat 3x)

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: October 24 - 30, 2021

SUNDAY, October 24

8:00 a.m.	Gathered Worship
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages (see page 21)
10:30 a.m.	Gathered Worship
4:00 p.m.	6th Grade Small Groups
5:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, October 25

8:15 a.m.	Women's Prayer Time (Parlor)
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TUESDAY, October 26

6:30 - 7:15 a.m.	Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, October 27

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Covenant Prayer Time (S101)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Jr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Kid Connection (ages 3 - 5th grade; 3rd floor)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Church-wide Study: A Joyfully Galvanizing Missional Vision (E201)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: Steadfast, A Study of James (E303)
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (Tower Room) <i>discussion only</i>
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Women's Study: 1 & 2 Peter (E206) <i>lesson and discussion</i>

THURSDAY, October 28

10:30 a.m.	Enfold Book Discussion (Youth Room)
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Should you need pastoral assistance after our regular office hours, please contact our pastor on call at 205-874-3559 (Josh Johnson, October 25 - 31).

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Chili Cookoff. CovPres Youth is hosting its annual church-wide Chili Cookoff on November 10 at 5:30 p.m.! This event is a fundraiser for Winter Retreat, and we need your help to make it happen. You can enter your famous chili on your own or with a group of friends, family members, small group members, neighbors, etc. Please email Sara Litten to sign up for the cookoff (slitten@covpres.com). We are looking forward to the competition and eating chili with you on November 10!

Feast Not Famine. This annual women's event is Friday night, November 12! The evening provides us with a time to focus on the feast that God has set before us during the holiday season when we often have unmet expectations. Anna Nash of Beacon People will be speaking to this topic and encouraging us in Christ. The event also includes a Holiday Market featuring the talents of our Covenant ladies. Make your reservations at covpres.com/feast-not-famine. If you would like to set up a booth at the market, please click on the sign-up link at covpres.com/feast-not-famine.

Christmas in Fairfield. Christmas in Fairfield is Covenant's church-wide Christmas outreach event in partnership with Hope Health Center. There are two ways to get involved: 1) sponsor a child and provide them with at least three items of clothing; 2) donate money to help fund the toy shop for participants to buy Christmas gifts for their children at a highly discounted price. By sponsoring a child and donating to the toy shop, you will be helping families experience the joy of giving on Christmas morning. Please stop by our information tables in the Sanctuary Foyer and the Commons for all of the details.

Church-wide Memory Verse. Our current memory passage is Titus 3:4-8. As a church body, we are memorizing these verses through November 27.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

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MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Covenant Vision Team. We have gathered a team of Covenant members and pastors to work on a vision statement for Covenant Presbyterian Church! Building on the work of our 2018 Strategic Vision Committee, and with much input from our session, staff, and ministry committees, this team is working on a comprehensive vision for our whole church, our neighbors, and the nations. The team includes Will Brooke, Karen Edwards, Dave Gray,* Grace Harrelson, Brad Harold, Catherine Hogewood,* Daniel Murray,* and pastors Marty Crawford, David Driskill, and Robby Holt (*former members of the Strategic Vision Committee). This team began meeting a couple of weeks ago and plans to publish our vision statement in early 2022. We ask that you begin praying this prayer for the Vision Team and our church:

Lord, please grant us a joyfully galvanizing missional vision
for our whole church, our neighbors, and the nations.
For your glory, grant us zeal and wisdom as we gather in your presence,
grow in your grace, and go in your name into all good things.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Directional signs are located around the church.

CROSSPOINTE Fellowship Hall	<i>mid 30s to early 40s</i>
THRESHOLD E301	<i>Singles, college students, and young marrieds; 20s and 30s</i> (Pastor: Josh Johnson)
COMMUNITY E305	<i>All ages and life stages</i>
OPEN DOORS & UPPER ROOM S101	<i>late 60s and above</i> (Pastor: Marty Crawford)
CORNERSTONE S100	<i>late 30s to late 40s</i>
FOUNDATIONS DINING ROOM	<i>early 40s to early 50s</i>
LIGHTHOUSE E304	<i>late 30s to early 50s</i> (Pastor: David Driskill)
LIVING STONES E303	<i>late 40s to late 50s</i>
KINGDOM BUILDERS E201	<i>late 40s to late 60s</i> (Pastor: Dan Edwards)
YOUTH YOUTH AREA	<i>Students grades 7-12</i> (Pastor: John Fountain)

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	Norman Pless	Bob Schaffeld
	Kurt Senn	John Smith T
		Steve Stigler

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2021	2022	2023
Nick Baggett	Jim Bennett	Tripp Alexander
Ward Bailey	William Edwards	Joseph Cascio
Samuel Bragg	Merrill Johnston	Richard Cox
Trey Clegg	Randall Lancaster	Jay Evans
Will Graham	Mark Midyette	Bryan Flores
Jeff Hicks	Stephen Mince	Gary Gorham
Jim Jenkins	Clyde Prather	Jeff Hayes
Alan Spooner	John Shank	John Shults
Patrick Strong	Matt Thomas	Joe Strickland
	Greg Tomlinson	Darrell Tucker

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Will Brooke, Member At-large	Michael Latta, Clerk of the Session
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Robby Holt, Moderator of the Session	Lee Sheppard, Personnel Committee Chair
John Fountain, Pastoral Liaison (Family)	John Smith T, Assistant Clerk of the Session

BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. You can use them along with the readings, prayers, and hymns from your worship guide each week. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2021.

OCTOBER READING PLAN

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